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Back when I was a young member of Walpole's Conservation Commission I was charged to assist the Environmental HYDOLOGICAL FIRM (IEP) to perform the study required by the Massachusetts Secretary of Environmental Affairs to obtain Commonwealth of Massachusetts ZONE II protection for our public ground water supplies. IEP used the existing great studies to help performed the study for Walpole at tax payers great expense. IEP used the Garrity and Miller study, and performed their own IEP study know as the "Water Resource Protection overlay District" (WRPOD) also at great expense. This needed the development of all the geological and hydrology conditions and nomenclatures involving our aquifers and ground water recharging systems. Defining these nomenclatures were required by the Secretary of Environmental Affairs to obtain ZONE II protection. The Secretary of Environmental Affairs approval as well as the approval of the Massachusetts Attorney General's were granted after Town Meeting adopted the WRPOD. After the WRPOD was adopted by Walpole's Town Meetings. The Secretary of Environmental Affairs required that IEP allow all effected property owners one year to resolve all appeals of the WRPOD. I attended weekly meetings with property owners at the IEP Natick offices. Property owners reviewed the study and asked questions, but none appealed. At the end of the one year period the Secretary of environmental Affairs closed the appeals period.

I am shocked that DEP is remiss in its duties to protect our WROPD ZONE II public water supply, and Walpole Town Administrator via his employees are not protecting the ZONE II defined by our WRPOD AREA 2 and 3. at great expense of Walpole's property Tax Payers. I am asking my fellow property tax payers to please help me in any way you can to resume ZONE II protection of Area 2 and 3. That are both part of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Zoning By Laws enacted to protect our ZONE II delineations. ZONE II does not allow making more than 15% of Area 2 and 3 impervious, nor dose it allow structures larger than single family homes. Impervious restrictions are paramount for protecting public water supplies. The Town of Walpole spent time and treasure to save our public water supply, which is necessary for the health and safety of our Town. Please do not let me down. The preserve was built in our ZONE II on top of our aquifer having a depth of over 55 feet. A depth more than aduquit for future public wells. By allowing the Preserve to be built in violation of our WRPOD we lost a critical portion of our public water supply. Those responsible for protecting our health and safety in my opinion are liable for not enforcing our ZONE II protections, and depriving our Town of a future public well site we may desperately need in the future.

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